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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

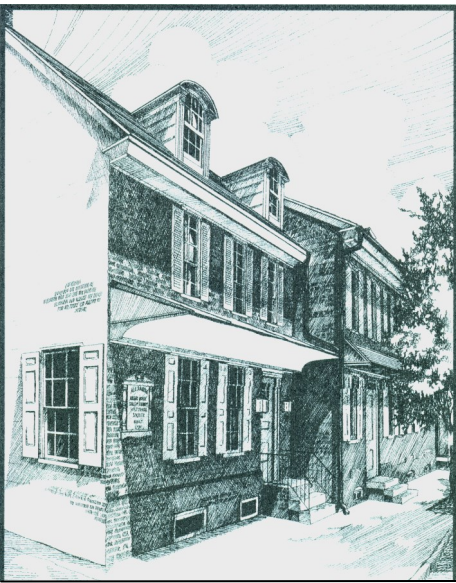
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Historical Society

Dedicates Home

Many Attend Ceremony Dedicating
Old Alexander Grant House
Built in 1721

The historic Alexander Grant House, the recently acquired home of the Salem County Historical Society, was dedicated on Friday with appropriate ceremony by the members of the Society. Over one hundred and seventy people took dinner at the Home between five and seven o'clock, while over two hundred people visited the place and took part in the dedication ceremony which followed the dinner in the early evening.

Mrs. Thomas J. Craven, of New York, and a former resident of Salem, was mistress of ceremonies and presided with the grace and ease that was most charming and pleasing to her many friends. She is one of the oldest members of the Society. In her introductory, Mrs. Craven said that she was delighted to come back to

Salem, to see her many old friends again, and it seemed that she was attending one of the Woman's Club meetings of days past. Mrs. Craven was one of the organizers of the local Woman's Club.

She paid especial tribute to the officers of the Historical Society, for the efficient way in which they had handled the entire affair and for the successful completion of their permanent home which will be an everlasting memorial. George B. Macaltioner, Secretary of the Society, presented in his interesting and pleasing manner, a paper on the historical background of Salem County. This address is published in full in this issue of the "Standard and Jerseyman".

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Message From the Administrator

It has been many years since a spring has been so welcome here in Salem County. The harshness of the recent winter is perhaps the reason that the buds and blossoms in the courtyard of the Historical Society seem especially vibrant. With the green foliage comes the spring activities that breathe fresh air into the Society.

First among these is the return of the Open House in Fenwick’s Colony tour. This year the tour was held on May 3rd, and featured some wonderful new houses as well as some old favorites. Of special interest this year was Obisquahassit. In 1958 the state Grange named the Obisquahassit Farm as the farm held longest by one family in the state of New Jersey. Now farmed as Obis One, this family-owned and operated specialty food company is New Jersey’s oldest working farm and Salem County’s oldest residence. For the tour, the farm featured many samples of their flagship product: organic black garlic. We wish to profoundly thank all our homeowners and organizations that graciously opened their houses to us this year.

This spring, the Society saw the fruits of its ongoing efforts to renovate and reopen some of our exhibit spaces. In April, we opened the exhibit “The Legacy of Dr. Edward T. and Nancy B. Fogg” which celebrates the lives and enormous contributions to the Society made by the Foggs. The exhibit features local furniture, samplers, glass and other material culture collected by the Foggs. In addition, for the House Tour, the Society opened two of its upstairs rooms for the first time in many years. The upstairs rooms are now permanently open to the public, and we look forward to renovating and opening more rooms in the coming year. We encourage all our members to stop by the Society and see the refurbished rooms.

On May 7th, the Society set off on its long overdue bus trip to Gettysburg. As you may remember, the trip was postponed due to the government shutdown last fall. The tour included stops at the Visitor’s Center, a buffet lunch, and a tour of the battlefield. We stopped at a couple places along the way to pay special tribute to the Salem County boys and men who fought in the epic battle. It was my great pleasure to serve as guide for the trip, and I thank everyone who came along. We look forward to doing more bus trips in the future, so stay tuned.

Another rite of spring here at the Society is the return of the school groups to the Grant House. We will be hosting several school groups during the late spring, and those students will enjoy programming on Salem County in the Civil War, life in colonial Salem County and History’s Mysteries. On April 29th, the Society took its Salem County and the Civil War program on the road with a visit to the John Fenwick Academy.

As we seek to continue to grow our museum and programming offerings, the Society is always seeking volunteers to help us bring the history and culture of Salem County to life. If you are interested in volunteering with the Society, feel free to call us or stop by during business hours and we would be happy to talk about your interests. As always, nothing we do here at the Society would be possible without the continued support of our dedicated members and volunteers. We thank you!

Sincerely,



Andrew R. Coldren

The *Quarterly Newsletter* is published by the Salem County Historical Society Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Salem County Historical Society is to seek, document, preserve, interpret and perpetuate Salem County’s heritage, and to enhance the awareness and appreciation of that heritage, through its research, collections, functions, exhibits, educational programs and publications, for the benefit of future generations and for the betterment of the community.

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 12 Noon - 4PM
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Calendar of Events

- ◆ **Sunday, June 8, 2014**
 Quarterly Meeting 1:30PM Friends Village in Woodstown
 Speaker: Bill Jenkins
 Topic: *CSS Hunley*, The Confederacy's Secret Weapon
- ◆ **Thursday, July 31, 2014**
 Salem County Historical Society 130th Anniversary
 Open House 83 Market Street, Salem, NJ
 12:00PM - 4:00PM
- ◆ **Saturday, August 23, 2014**
 Market Street Day in Salem, NJ 10:00AM-4:00PM
- ◆ **Sunday, October 19, 2014**
 11th John S. Rock Memorial Lecture 3:00PM
 Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church, 15 Yorke Street, Salem, NJ
 Speaker: Janet Sheridan
 Topic: The Domestic Landscape of A. M. E. Church
 Founder Reuben Cuff

Society News and Recent Events

In March, the Society welcomed a new volunteer intern, Diana Sheridan. Diana hails from Carney's Point and is a graduate of Penns Grove High School. She is currently studying History and Education at Rowan University.

On April 12th, the Society opened a new exhibit "The Legacy of Dr. Edward T. and Nancy B. Fogg." The exhibit was opened with a wine and cheese reception and was a great success. There were many familiar faces present, and much sharing of warm memories of Edward Fogg.

This year's Open House in Fenwick's Colony event took place on May 3rd. The tour was well attended and provided an excellent opportunity to see some of the wonderful old houses and historic structures around Salem County.

In conjunction with the Open House Tour, the Society opened two new exhibit rooms on our second floor. These rooms have not been open for some years, and we encourage everyone to stop by and see them. Also in May we welcomed back

Maureen Fitzgerald from the Master Gardeners of Gloucester County. She, along with our groundskeeper Bill Jackson, have done an excellent job of keeping our courtyard looking beautiful. We appreciate all of their efforts.

On May 7th, the Society hit the road to Gettysburg for our long awaited bus tour. The tour focused on the exploits of Salem County natives at the battle, and wreaths were laid in memory of the dedicated men and women who fought in the battle and served in its aftermath.

On May 8th, we welcomed members of the Vernacular Architecture Forum. This group toured historic sites around the county and examined their architectural features. The Society was proud to be open for the Forum, and we appreciate their interest in our facilities.

In May and June, the Society will welcome school groups from Upper Pittsgrove and the P.W. Carleton School. In addition, the Society will be doing programming at John Fenwick Academy.

Pennsgrove

Prof. Pemberton Pierce has secured the services of **Prof. Adam Geibel**, and they together will open a **Conservatory of Music** in Turner's new hall, to be conducted on city plan. The first term will open about Sept. 15th, and it promises to be successful. *The South Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, May 27, 1884

MARK THE CALENDAR

11TH JOHN STEWART ROCK MEMORIAL LECTURE



JANET L. SHERIDAN

Announced as Presenter

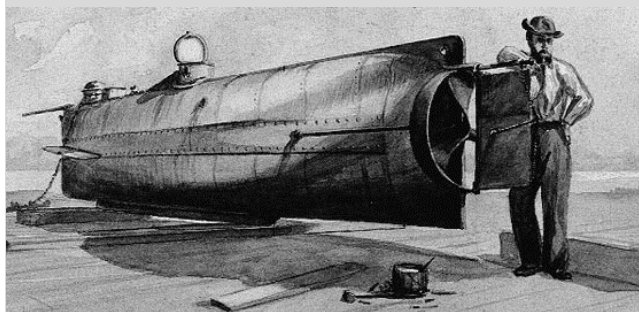
**"The Domestic Landscape of
A. M. E. Church Founder
Reuben Cuff"**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014

3:00 P.M.

**MT. PISGAH A.M.E. CHURCH
15 Yorke Street
Salem, New Jersey**

June Quarterly Meeting



Join us on Sunday, June 8, 2014
 at 1:30PM Friends Village in Woodstown
 Our guest speaker will be Bill Jenkins who will discuss
 the Confederate Submarine, *CSS Hunley*

Open House Tour Recap

The Salem County Historical Society is pleased to announce that this year's Open House Tour was a great success. Home owners and tour participants alike could not have enjoyed the day more with over 400 people in attendance this year. The Society was



Carl Nittinger, Goodwin Sisters' House

happy to share the day with our visitors and we thank the public sites, churches and the other historical societies for opening their doors to our tour patrons. Our featured home this year, Obisquahassit (on the tour for the first time) along with many of the other homes and sites were filled nearly all day with constant



Patrick and Lisa Lloyd's Obisquahassit

visitation. None of this could have been accomplished without the efforts of our Open House Committee led by Barbara Duffy and Gay Schneeman and the Society's staff and volunteers. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Fogg Exhibit Opening

On Saturday, April 12th, the Society opened a new exhibit, "The Legacy of Dr. Edward T. and Nancy B. Fogg." The exhibit features examples of Salem County furniture, samplers, glass, and earthenware from the collection of Edward and Nancy Fogg. The Society hosted a reception to open the exhibit, and we were honored to welcome Nancy Fogg as well as 40 friends and colleagues of the Foggs. Many wonderful stories and fond memories were shared. It was truly our pleasure to commemorate

two friends of the Historical Society whose support over the decades has meant so much to us. The exhibit will remain open into the coming year.



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| Meals on Wheels of Salem County | St. John's Episcopal Church |
| Rodney Miller | Ronald and Diane Wohlrab |
| Carl Nittinger | |
| Pennsville Township Historical Society | |



On April 29th, the Society's Andrew Coldren and Richard Guido gave a presentation to elementary students at John Fenwick Academy on what life was like as Union soldiers in the American Civil War.

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- Annual Appeal Thank You (continued.....)**
 Pilesgrove-Woodstown Historical Society
 Marie and Charles R. Haaf, Jr.
 Dean and Zoe Pappas
 Lucille B. Pote in honor of
 Reverend David Bailey

USED BOOK SALE - UPDATE

The Society's sale of used, duplicate and damaged books continues, with books available via our website listings and in our Library. We have recently added to the sale a variety of Almanacs dating from 1868 through 1924.

Also, in our Library, we have many used books for sale in addition to those available on the website. The Library sale books cover many topics, including biographies, history, genealogy, poetry, fiction, Salem County and New Jersey. We hope if you are in the neighborhood you will visit our Library and browse the book sale table. If you are unable to come in, please go to our website www.salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com to view the most recent lists of books and almanacs.

Volunteers

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Peggy Kavanaugh	Maggie Vaughan
Noel Kemm	Diane Wohlrab
Joe Kimber	

**The True American
Trenton, New Jersey
May 27, 1811**

MARRIED, At Salem, Mr. Richard **Groff** to Miss Sarah **Crow**.
DIED, In Salem County, Mr. Thomas **Seidmore**—Samuel **Hall**, eldest son of Joseph Hall—Anthony **Keasbey**, Esq.—Samuel **Kidd**, son of Mr. Joseph Kidd.

A SALEM INVENTOR

Local Man's "Merry-Go-Round" to be Promoted Here, Held Meeting Friday

Last Friday evening a group of fifteen men gathered in the office of William Mifflin to talk over plans for promoting a local man's invention. The inventor is R. G. Reeves, a mechanic and glass blower by trade, who has, after years of work, perfected a remarkable toy called the "Glee-Boat." It consists of a merry-go-round propelled by sails and is practical and unique in every respect.

Those present at the meeting were very well pleased with the progress made thus far, and a large sum of money was contributed for the purpose of making a large model of the machine to be placed near Salem. A company, "The Glee-Boat Amusement Company," incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey, has been formed and will shortly elect directors and officers.

Local mechanics were present at the meeting, and Oscar Hutchinson, of Salem, after inspecting the machine, declared that it was practical and that the parts would be easy to produce. Charles Ayares, another well known mechanic of Salem, said, "The toy is practical and every part can be made in Salem."

The toy can be made in miniature, for children to play with, or it can be made of sufficient size to carry passengers at amusement parks.

The Monitor-Register, Woodstown, NJ, May 10, 1923

Membership Report

Corporate	Wayne Gotwals
J. Givoo Consultants, Inc.	William Hurley
	Cheryl Karch
	Terry Keller
	Sally Miller
Family	Gerald Renner
Philip Donohue	Robert Saccomanno
Pat Neary	Rodney Sherard
John Scollan	James Washington
	Marisel Wilbur
Individual	
William Ayres	
Robert Cornatzer	In Memoriam
Corinne Connor	Forman S. Acton
Bruce Doerr	Ralston E. Dorrell
Thomas Durkin	Marion M. Finlaw
Mark Foster	

**Boy Killed
Roller Coaster
Riverview Beach Park**

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, June 24, 1942

In sight of 75 horror-stricken boy and girl companions at a church outing in Riverview Beach Park, Pennsville, yesterday morning, a 13-year-old Philadelphia boy was thrown from a speeding roller-coaster and instantly killed.

The tragedy occurred as the children were enjoying a morning of fun during the annual outing of altar boys and choir girls of St. Hugh's Church [St. Hugh of Cluny] in Philadelphia.

Gay shouts of laughter from the children suddenly turned to shrieks of terror as the boy, **James McLean**, 160 East Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, was thrown into space from the speeding car as it neared the bottom of a dip. **Lawrence Chrisman**, manager of the park, told authorities that witnesses report[ed] the lad stood up in the car as it started its descent.



Young McLean was rushed by police to the Salem County Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Physicians said he died of a fractured skull. A certificate of death was issued by Coroner **R. C. Cole**, of Woodstown.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. [**Regina**] **Edward McLean**, and one of four children [Edward, Regina, Grace]. His father sadly told friends last night that the boy had been gathering and selling scrap for weeks to earn money for the outing. "He collected old iron and copper, rubber and bottles and converted the last bit of it into cash yesterday," he said. [James McLean was interred in the New Cathedral Cemetery, Philadelphia on June 27, 1942.]

Clocks for Sale

Eight Day and thirty-hour clocks, warranted. A. [Allen] Flitcraft, Eldridge's Hill. *Salem Sunbeam*, Salem, NJ, March 15, 1850

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Unveil Memorial Tablet

The large memorial tablet setting forth the history of the historic house, which was erected in 1721, was unveiled by Captain Richard Law Hubbell of Raritan Arsenal, Metuchen, N. J. Captain Hubbell, is a nephew of Misses Helena Hubbell and Ann Law Hubbell, the last two remaining descendants, who had their wills so arranged that whichever one died first should leave the property to the other and upon the death of the last one the property should go to the Salem County Historical Society. Helena Hubbell, the last surviving inheritrix, carried out this bequest when she died early in 1929.

Accompanying Captain Hubbell was his mother, Mrs. Ophelia Johnson Hubbell, of Philadelphia, and his wife.



The Hubbell Room with Memorial Tablet, left, is in the front room of the original old mansion. The tablet is of bronze and records the history of the house. The room contains antiques of the family that are shown in the picture.

The portrait on the wall, right, is that of Anna Hall Hubbell as a child. The companion picture [not shown], that of her sister, Helena Hubbell, donor of the mansion, was presented to the Salem County Historical Society by Capt. Richard Hubbell, a nephew of the donor, at the dedication ceremony.

Postcard from the Collection

After the unveiling of the tablet Captain Hubbell announced that he would donate to the Society the youthful portrait of Helena Hubbell, as the companion picture of Anna Law Hubbell whose portrait is in the Hubbell room along with the memorial tablet. This bequest came as a great, yet welcome surprise, to the officers and members of the Society.

These portraits of the two girls, made in their youth, were painted by George Conarroe, a Salem County artist, who gained great distinction at the Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia.

Walter Hall, President of the Historical Society, who has worked untiringly in the restoration of the old mansion, received the memorial on the part of the Society. He said that Salem County has a wonderful historic background from the landing of Fenwicke on these shores. Fenwicke was just as important as William Penn and in view of the fact that Fenwicke's colony was founded six years prior to Penn's it is just as worthy of equal recognition.

President Hall said that it is fitting that we have this memorial to the sturdy pioneers of Salem County who worked to the original clearing of forests in this region. It is also fitting that we should have this historic house of those early days as an historic shrine to perpetuate their memory and the history of Fenwicke's colony or Salem County.

Society Seeks New Members

In order to carry out this program and obtain a greater interest in the rich history of this region the Historical Society is about to start a campaign for one thousand members. The annual dues are one dollar. There are now about 325 members of the Society.

During the late afternoon and evening over two hundred members of the Society had an interesting time viewing the old mansion which has gone through a complete renovation and restoration within the past few months. Several former residents came back to renew friendships and familiar scenes. These people came from New York, Newark and Moorestown, Metuchen, Philadelphia and other places, besides a large number from Salem County.

Paint, mostly in white and cream color, has been applied to the inside and outside; repairs where necessary have been made and where changes had been made these have been restored as near as possible to the original while the work has been done with old wood and old materials in most instances.

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Memorial In The Hubbell Room

One enters the original mansion at 81 Market Street into what is called the Hubbell Room. Herein is contained the large bronze memorial tablet, the portrait

of Anna Law Hubbell and many antiques of the Hubbell family, which were left to the Society by Miss Helena Hubbell.

The kitchen is to the rear and contains furniture given to the Society from time to time. Although electricity lights the building throughout a unique feature is the practical use made of old lanterns and sconces in which are connected imitation candle light bulbs. An old Paul Revere lantern is in evidence as well as the old ships lantern from the old steamer "Major Reybold", which used to ply between Salem and Philadelphia, which hangs in the main hallway.

On the second floor of the original mansion are two rooms containing the Ann Denn Gibbon collection bequeathed by Susan Gibbon Duval. The donor will be remembered by many as Miss Sue Gibbon who formerly lived on West Broadway and conducted the Miss Sue Gibbon School, which was once quite popular as a private school in Salem.



This room is the second floor front of the original mansion and is "The Ann Denn Gibbon Collection" bequeathed by Susan Gibbon Duval. Many family and collected antique pieces have been given by Mrs. Duval to honor her mother. The floor is believed to be the original one built with the house. *Postcard from the Collection*

In the kitchen is an old corner cupboard from the old Hancock House at Hancock's Bridge where the massacre took place. From the kitchen is an old winding stairway leading up to the bedroom which is one of the Ann Denn Gibbon rooms.

Assembly Room For Society

In the wing, which was erected a few years after the original mansion, is the largest room in the building which will be used as an assembly room in which the Historical Society will hold its meetings. This is also the library and contains many old volumes. An old fireplace, which had

been covered up, was found in this room and has been opened up. A unique feature of the transformation which has taken place is the installation of Venetian blinds which are over 100 years old.

In a small room to the rear of the assembly room is the Indian Relic room. Here is a splendid collection given by Anna Patterson and which was made by her father, William Patterson, the first President of the Historical Society.

The case containing the collection is made of fine wood over 150 years old. Here also is a rich collection of old documents and deeds.

D. A. R. Has Room

The Oak Tree Chapter of the D. A. R. has been given a room in the wing of the second floor in which to exhibit their collection. Members of the Chapter have been very active in the Historical Society and it is only befitting that they should be given this recognition.

The D.A.R. room now contains handsome candelabra, Chippendale mirror, lineage books, tavern table and a model of the famous Quinton Bridge. The room will be furnished further by the Chapter and from donations or bequests from the members. In another upstairs room is an old desk which was used by Postmaster Thomas Jones prior to 1829. Pasted under the lid is an old schedule of mail rates. Other things of interest are the old Revolutionary muskets, powder horns, double oxen yokes, and costumes and clothing of early periods.

A feature of the miscellaneous room is a collection of between three and four hundred canes gathered by H. J. Heinz, the founder of the Company that bears his name. The collection was presented to the Society in May 1929 by Clifford A. Heinz. The collection of rare canes was gathered from all parts of the world.

And last but not least, in this brief sketch, which has merely scratched the surface of the many things of interest in this historic building, is the Sarah Bradway Harris collection of kitchen utensils. Up under the eaves on the third floor with the light pouring in through two dormer windows one can delve with delight into this interesting collection of many hundred pieces which were donated by Miss Kate Harris, of West Broadway.

Interior photographs of the Alexander Grant House are shown on page six in



this issue of the "Standard and Jerseyman". These excellent interior photographs were taken by Daniel Ward, photographer of Bridgeton, expressly for this paper. Post card reproductions were made for the Historical Society and are on sale by the Society. Many cards were sold at the dedication ceremony.



This bedroom is also named in honor of Ann Denn Gibbon and the contents were bequeathed by Susan Gibbon Duval. The doorway, right, enters into the front room of this same collection.

Postcard from the Collection

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First Dort Car in Town

Sheppard & Sheppard, of the Walnut Street garage, have taken the agency for the famous Dort car and have placed the first one in Salem with **A. W. Wentzell**, of Johnson Street, who made the purchase last week.

Salem Standard and Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, June 30, 1920

THE MEMORIAL TABLET

In the front room of the original part of the old mansion is a large bronze tablet which gives the history of the house from the time it was built in 1721 by Alexander Grant down to the last inheritrix, Helena Hubbell, who bequeathed the mansion to the Salem County Historical Society. A bequest covering the cost of the tablet and other family antiques were also made by Miss Hubbell.

The inscription on the tablet reads:

IN MEMORIAM

THIS MANSION WAS BUILT BY

ALEXANDER GRANT

A.D. 1721

It was an heirloom in his family in an unbroken line through eight successive generations and for over two centuries.

- ALEXANDER GRANT
- NICHOLAS GIBBON
- GRANT GIBBON
- JANE (GIBBON) JOHNSON
- COLONEL ROBERT (GIBBON) JOHNSON
- ANNA GIBBON (JOHNSON) HUBBELL
- ANNA LAW HUBBELL
- HELENA HUBBELL

"Men whose lives glided on like rivers that water the woodlands, Darkened by shadows of earth but reflected an image of Heaven."

THIS TABLET

was erected In Memory of these noble men and women of the past by their descendant

HELENA HUBBELL

who being the last inheritrix of the Homestead gave it to the Salem County Historical Society.

A LASTING MEMORIAL

1929

Library Acquisitions

Evans, John F., Sea Isle City, NJ. Research packet on Salem County Pauper's Cemetery. (2014.011)

Evans, John F., Sea Isle City, NJ and **Elizabeth H. Yerkes**, Salem, NJ. 1942 map of Salem County, 1883 map of Thoroughfare Meadow Creek Company, 1853 deed of estate of Ebenezer Harmer, 1879 revaluation document of Kates Creek Meadow Company, 1886 lease of meadow land to Elisha Bassett, eleven Sanborn maps of Salem, NJ dated 1880. (2014.011)

Evans, John F., Sea Isle City, NJ and **Elizabeth H. Yerkes**, Salem, NJ. Framed map titled "The Province of New Jersey," 1905 framed photograph of Broadway and Market Street in Salem. (2014.009)

Fisher, Dorothy D., Woodstown, NJ. In memory of George Baxter Fisher. Slides and papers related to SCHS 1996 Quarterly Meeting on The Brook's Legacy by Baxter Fisher. (2014.014)

Fogg, Margaret, Tallahassee, FL. In memory of the David H. Fogg Family. 1938 first edition envelope and stamp commemorating visit of the Prince and Princess of Sweden. (2014.001)

Greever, Matthew B., Alloway, NJ. Salem County Fair broadside (undated). (2014.002)

Magill, Ronald E., Salem, NJ. 1856 framed survey map of Salem County Almshouse. (2014.010)

Myers, Elizabeth C., Elmer, NJ. Book titled "Schoolhouses of Salem County 1700s to 1980" authored by Elizabeth C. Myers. (2014.013)

Ryder, Geoff, Bridgeton, NJ. 1925 photograph of Salem High School class trip to Washington, D.C. (2013.078)

Smick, B. Harold, Salem, NJ. 1972 photograph of B. Harold Smick, SCHS President and a 1968 photograph of B. Harold Smick and Dr. Edward T. Fogg at the SCHS.

Watson, Penelope, Greenwich, NJ. 1864 marriage certificate for William J. Keeley and Kate E. Hiles and 10 teaching certificates for Kate E. Keeley. (2014.012)

Woolman, Carol, Bar Harbor, ME. Book titled "Charles E. Woolman Memoir: World War II Veteran's History Project." (2014.017)

Yarrington, John, Elmer, NJ. 1842-1868 Alloways Town store ledger. (2014.015)

ALEXANDER'S ANNALS

50 YEARS AGO

Pennsville Progress, June 1964

- ◆ Ranch Hope receives the first two boy guests.
- ◆ Brinkley's Salem Profile Slated for NBC TV, June 18th.
- ◆ Sam Archer Named to Head "Y" Program Here.
- ◆ Ground-Breaking for New Park Bible Church.
- ◆ Sugar—5 lbs—53¢—A&P.

75 YEARS AGO

Salem Sunbeam, June 1939

- ◆ 2,500 expected to take railroad excursion to World's Fair. Wistarburg Glass, courtesy of SCHS, on display.
- ◆ WPA storm sewer project approved for Pennsville.
- ◆ Professional wrestling and boxing revived at new Salem Sporting Arena in Claysville.
- ◆ 1,000 visit new model home on Elk Terrace, Quinton.
- ◆ Fenwick Theatre—*Dark Victory*—Bette Davis.

100 YEARS AGO

Salem Standard & Jerseyman, June 1914

- ◆ New Pleasure Resort Opens June 16th—Riverview Beach in Pennsville, Lower Penns Neck.
- ◆ North Bend Fire Co. making test runs with their new motor driven hose wagon.
- ◆ Mrs. Thomas J. Craven president of the local branch— New Jersey Association Opposed to Woman's Suffrage.
- ◆ The steamer *Adelaide* being dismantled and soon will be a thing of the past.
- ◆ "Nick" Turner is driving a handsome new stage between Canton and Salem.

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Civil War Pensions

Mayor **Wood**, as their attorney, has recently secured back pensions for **John W. Wilson** and **James Young**, two colored men of this county, who received wounds in the late war. He received for the former \$350 and for the latter \$750. *The South Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, August 2, 1881

Genealogically Speaking —

DEATHS IN SALEM DURING THE YEAR 1857.

Mr. John Souder has furnished us with the following list of deaths in the town of Salem during the past year :

ADULTS.

Thomas Bates,	Cliff Hanson,
Benjamin N. Smith,	Tamson Smart,
Ann Durell,	Jacob Sparks,
Rachel Dixon,	Rebecca Acton,
Mary Snell,	Mrs. Mary Garrison,
Emma Riley,	Mrs Hannah Ann Benner
Mary Ann Thompson,	Mrs. Daniel Mulford,
Jane Higgins,	Robert Peachy,
Job Vanneeman,	Edward H. Robbins,
Mrs. James Smith,	Samuel Corliss, sen.
Dr. Charles Hannah,	Miss Macauley,
Michael Coffee,	Mrs. Dunham,
Mary Garrison,	Felix Lynch,
Capt. George Smith,	Jacob Stiner,
Henry Burr,	Clarissa Burroughs.
Miss Bilderback,	Mrs. Rachel Lawrence,
Mrs. Robt. H. Davenport,	Miss Thackray.
Jacob Davis,	Mrs. Sarah Mifflin,
Joseph Corliss,	Benjamin Hanson,
John Hambly,	Mrs. William Wray,
Mrs. Margaret Burr,	James P. Powers.
Caroline Loyd,	

CHILDREN OF

John Casper,	George C. Radcliff,
Stephen H. Wright,	William Pierpoint,
William Brecco,	Thomas Moffet,
George Morrison,	John Bee,
David Carl,	James Donegan,
Jonathan Forest, 2.	Captain Ale,
Elijah Ware,	Robert H. Davenport,
William Bassett,	David Watson,
William Guest, 2.	David B. Reed,
Elijah Simpkins,	Amariah Foster.

Total—Adults, 43 ; Children, 22.

The Hon. Secretary of the Treasury of the U. States, **SAMUEL D. INGHAM**, visited this town on Monday last.
Salem Messenger
April 29, 1829

W. Scott Hiles gladdened the hearts and tickled the palates of the Glass-House employees on Monday, when he left a can of ice-cold milk at each factory.
Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ,
June 23, 1882

FENIAN MEETING.—A meeting of Irishmen and friends of Ireland is called in Rumsey's Hall, on Wednesday evening, May 29. Messrs. **James Brennan** and **James Gibbons**, both prominent officials in the Brotherhood, are to address the meeting. There has not been a meeting in behalf of the Fenians, before held in this city. All are invited who wish "to see Ireland take her place among the nations of the earth."

At the public meeting held in Rumsey's Hall, on Wednesday evening last, under the auspices of the Fenian Brotherhood, an embryo circle was formed in this city, and the following officers were elected: President, **Thomas Murphy**; Secretary, **George Hogan**; Treasurer, **Richard Crane**.
National Standard, Salem, NJ, May 27, June 5, 1867

DIED—At Philadelphia, **Charles Melanson**, aged 72, a native of Lower Penns Neck—and on Thursday the 12th inst. his corps[e] was interred [*sic*] in the Presbyterian burial ground in Lower P. Neck, when a funeral discourse was delivered on the occasion by the Rev. Richard Hall.
Salem Messenger, Salem, NJ, January 18, 1826

WIRE WALKING

—Prof. **Donaldson**, whose performances about a year ago astonished our people, is announced to walk a wire from Rumsey's Building to the roof of Carpenter's store opposite, this (Friday) afternoon, between 4 and 5 o'clock. In the evening he will give an entertainment in magic, &c., in the Hall.
Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, March 21, 1862

HOLE IN ONE

MRS. ROSCOE KATES of Salem was the young matron who on July 16th on the Salem Country Club golf course, made the seventh hole in one, thus entitling her to membership in the "Hole in One Club," in America. She is the first woman in Salem County to qualify for membership.
Salem Standard-Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, July 25, 1928

An Old Couple

—**Jacob Gaventa** and wife, of Pedricktown, who have reached the age of 88 and 85 years, respectively, have lived together for fifty-eight years. They are Germans, and came to this country in 1854. They are a sturdy, honest and industrious family.
National Standard, Salem, NJ April 26, 1882

Old Francis Wilson, who died at Yorketown on Sunday last, was in her 101st year, and was remarkable for her age. She was born a slave in Cecil county, Md., and came here when a child. She was buried at Frogtown a few days ago. She was the protégé of the Bassett and Lawrence families. **Henry Dobson**, also colored, was buried on Wednesday. He was 104 years of age.

National Standard, Salem, NJ, April 3, 1889
Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, March 29, 1889



**Comic Section a New Feature
Standard and Jerseyman to Publish
Monthly a Supplement of Drawings by
Famous Cartoonists**

To-day begins the publication of a comic supplement in which will be found the work of some of the country's most famous cartoonists. This newspaper is the **first in Southern New Jersey** to adopt this feature which heretofore has been found only in the big metropolitan dailies.

Featured will be:

- “Reg’lar Fellers” by Gene Byrnes
- “Percy and Ferdie” by H. A. MacGill
- ”Clarence” by Crawford Young
- “Billy Bunk” by G. B. Inwood.

Salem Standard & Jerseyman, Salem, NJ
August 1, 1923

New Paper

—Salem is soon to be blessed with a new paper, to be issued from the press of Jos. R. Lippincott, of this city. It is to be an eight-page paper, is to be published every other week, and will be edited by Milton S. Wood.

National Standard, Salem, NJ, November 27, 1878

Journalistic

The *Salem Light*, a new paper, appeared on our streets on Saturday. Although small in size, and the light shed [?] of small compass, yet it is well printed. Its object is to disseminate local, temperance and religious news. Success to it.

National Standard, Salem, NJ, December 11, 1878

The Franklin Herald

—We prepared a notice of the first No. of our Woodstown contemporary a few weeks since, but it was unintentionally omitted by the compositor.

—We hasten to repair the omission. The *Herald* is a small neat sheet, and thus far entirely neutral in politics. We hope it may prove effectual in heralding forth the advantages and incidents of Woodstown, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

National Standard, Salem, NJ, May 12, 1852

The **first number of a new paper**, called the *Pennsgrove Record*, made its appearance on Saturday, 23d. Its size is 19 by 26 inches. The publisher and editor is **Rev. J. W. Laughlin**, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church. Now Pennsgrove has two papers, both under clerical management. They ought to be good. One is a monthly, called the *Gospel Reaper*, which has just entered its second volume. The other, as already stated, is newly fledged. The editor, in his inaugural, says: “A good, *live* newspaper is a necessity in every community; and where one is not published, those who are desirous of information or of increasing their business, are compelled to advertise in, or subscribe for, a paper published at a distance; often, through necessity, supporting a paper that is distasteful to them from the character of its news or advertisements.”

National Standard, Salem, NJ, November 27, 1878

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Open House Tour—Patrick Lloyd poses with a portrait of the Chief Obisquahassit. Anders Seneca purchased the property from the Chief in 1640.

Pennsville Doings

—Atkins Lawrence, the actor, is again at his favorite resort on Kelley’s Point on the Penn’s Neck bank of the Delaware River. His camp is indeed a beauty this year, with every imaginable convenience. His little steam yacht, the “Bartley Campbell” is a dandy, and “Romeo” pushes her for all she’s worth.

[The yacht was named after the playwright, **Bartley Campbell**. Theatre troops can still be found performing his works over a century later. The nickname “Romeo” refers to Lawrence’s famous New York City performance in *Romeo and Juliet* opposite **Maude Granger**.] *The South Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, June 3, 1884.



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The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, July 22, 1884



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—Mayor Lawson has issued his annual proclamation against **nude bathing** in the creek, in the city limits, from sunrise to sunset.
The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, June 17, 1884



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